

STEADINESS NOTED IN COTTON MARKET

Short Session Closes at Net Advance of 27 to 36 Points.

The cotton market was steady yesterday. There was enough realising to cause some little irregularity, but shorts seemed relatively more anxious to even up for over the week end and the market closed at a net advance of 27 to 36 points. July was relatively firm during the earlier trading, but later the advance was led by October, which seemed to be influenced by apprehension of crop complaints from the Eastern belt. In some sections the wet weather has staled the growth of cotton and the situation as to labor makes the trade fearful of damage from this cause should the wet weather continue. Scattering complaints were said to be already coming in from certain sections on Saturday and there was trade buying of new crop months as well as old.

The market opened at a decline of 1 to 10 points after realising, but the comparatively light offerings were soon absorbed. Both Liverpool and New Orleans were buyers of July, supposed to be undivided straddles or covering hedges, and showed strength of that position helped the early gains. The July premium narrowed again, with the position closing only 210 points above October, compared with 219 points at the close on Friday. Closing prices were within a point or two of the best.

Reports that the conference of bankers on cotton trade terms had recommended the general use of trade acceptances and that the Government favors the proposition were considerably discussed. In a general way it is believed that the plan would facilitate the financing of the new crop, and that its influence would consequently be favorable to prices.

No change was reported in the ocean freight situation, and weekly reviews of crop prospects were quite as favorable as our trades had been led to expect by daily advices. The goods market remained firm, with talk of price fixing or some other method of Government control much in evidence. Under such a direction, as well as the uncertainties which still surround future supplies of raw material, are leading to conservation on the part of both buyers and sellers.

The local market for spot cotton was up 30 and 30 points higher at 30.65c. per pound, sales nil. Southern spot market follows: Galveston steady, unchanged at 30.50c.; Mobile, 45c. higher; New Orleans steady, unchanged at 30.80c., sales 1,425 bales; Mobile nominal, 50 points higher at 29.65c., sales nil; New Orleans steady, unchanged at 30.80c., sales 120 bales; Memphis steady, unchanged at 30c., sales 120 bales; Memphis steady, unchanged at 30c., sales 1,250 bales; St. Louis steady, unchanged at 30c., sales 224 bales; Houston steady, unchanged at 30.35c., sales 69 bales; Little Rock steady, unchanged at 30c., sales 308 bales.

Ranges of prices: Fri., open High, Low, Close. June 29, 30.25; July, 30.75; Aug. 30.35; Sept., 30.35; Oct., 30.35; Nov., 30.35; Dec., 30.35; Jan., 30.35; Feb., 30.35; March, 30.35.

FEDERAL BANKS. Increase of \$87,000,000 in Commercial Paper Discounts.

Washington, June 8.—An increase of \$17,000,000 in commercial paper discounts this week by Federal Reserve banks was interpreted by some officials as indication that business interests are seeking short term advances to enable them to meet income and excess profits taxes due next Saturday. The condition of the twelve banks at the close of business last night was as follows:

SOURCES. Gold coin and credits, \$46,625,000; gold settlement fund in R. Board, \$17,670,000; gold with foreign agencies, \$1,350,000; total held by U. S. Government, \$82,577,000; gold with foreign agents, \$20,431,000; gold redemption fund, \$1,215,260,000.

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BIG IRON ORE SHIPMENTS.

Great Lakes Report Shows 6,907,136 Tons for Season to June 1. Iron ore shipments from the head of the great lakes for the present season up to June 1, according to an official statement issued yesterday, were ahead of the corresponding period in any previous year. They aggregated 6,907,136 tons, as against 4,888,553 tons last year and 6,925,882 in 1916. May shipments totalled 6,743,447 tons, as compared with 4,047,527 tons in May, 1917.

The shipping figure by docks for May, and for the season to June 1 follow:

	May 1918.	June 1, 1918.
D. M. & N.	2,111,063	1,785,000
Great Northern	1,743,000	1,617,000
D. & I. R.	1,695,153	1,198,500
Roe Line	227,626	125,000
Northern Pacific	116,901	116,901
Total	6,743,447	6,907,136

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	June 8.	June 9.
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RESOURCES.

	June 8.	Changes.
Gold Coin and Gold Certificates	\$4,493,710,000	Dec. \$11,809,000
Deposits in banks and trust companies	100,677,000	Inc. 1,967,000
Reserve in Federal Reserve Bank	516,000,000	Inc. 13,168,000
Reserve in own vaults	151,181,000	Dec. 1,391,000
State banks and trust companies (a)	9,171,000	Inc. 948,000
State banks and trust companies (b)	3,737,884,000	Dec. 4,314,000
Net demand deposits	60,173,000	Dec. 37,154,000
Deposits included in (a) and (b)	1,047,000	Dec. 1,047,000
Aggregative reserve	44,118,310	Dec. 41,165,000
Excess reserve	—	—
Increase	—	—

CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, ACTUAL CONDITION THIS DAY.

	June 8.	Changes.
Loans, discounts, investments, &c.	\$4,493,710,000	Dec. \$11,809,000
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Aggregative reserve	44,118,310	Dec. 41,165,000
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CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS, DAILY AVERAGE.

	June 8.	Changes.

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